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Thought for the Day

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September 4 ==

What care I what you say, while what you do hovers over my head and thunders in my ears so loud I cannot hear what you say. -Raiph Waldo Emerson.

The base-running around the tabernacle diaond is about to begin in dead earnest.

The so-called "unrest of labor" secures dubious treatment by taking the rest cure.

To Rev. "Billy" Sunday, "Ma" Sunday and the whole Sunday family: Welcome to our

Britain follows Germany in making concessions to Uncle Sam. Sanity is steadily overcoming the swagger of war.

The report that the Cudahy general offices will be brought back to Omaha, however, must be classified as "important, if true."

Goosebone and squirrel thrift prophecies of an early winter are as so much chaff in the wind raised by King Corn's hot finish.

"Friends of peace" may fool some people, but not Samuel Compers. Foxy Sam knows the source of Brisbin Walker's inspiration.

The nervy Pike county (Missouri) woman who held off a mob until relief came would waste ink and postage in seeking a jail job in Georgia.

More sympathy and less criticism befits the case of Treasurer Hall. Consider how his heart must bleed because harsh duty clamps the lid on the dough.

Smart alecks who still harbor the notion that they can beat the Wall street game need but watch the vagaries of the market to see how readily the lambs are sheared.

And in the meantime, don't make any other engagements with yourself for the day set apart as Omaha day at the State fair, for which the gates have been opened at Lincoln.

The consensus of business opinion in New York reflects increasing optimism. It is gratifying to note that western sunshine is warming up the gloomy fringes of the nation.

"Peace is in the air," Washington dispatches report. So far, so good. But the atmosphere of Washington is not easily transferred to Paris, London, Berlin, Vienna and Petrograd.

Juri as soon as title to coveted real estate passes from a neighbor to Bulgaria, the Bulgar ermy starts shooting up another neighbor. As an exponent of near-east civilization the Bulgars have the Turks distanced.

That Georgia jury cannot find a thing that in any way points to the identity of a single member of the mob that lynched Leo M. Frank. It wouldn't be safe for any of the veniremen to get their eyes opened that wide.



Assignments of special policemen for duty during fair week are as follows: Martin Shields on South Sixteenth street; N. O'Herne, South Thirteenth street; L. Wiggins, St. Mary's avenue; Ed Weish, lower Farnam and Hurney streets; Ed Lapage, Eleventh street, north of Douglas.

Jack Burke, the pugilist and his manager. Otto Ploto, are here trying to arrange for exhibitions. It is said Michael Ritchie, a muscular young man employed at a South Omaha slaughtering house, is anxious to Ince Mr. Burke.

Mrs. Kilkenney and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Kilkenney, have gone to Louisville to visit

Invitations are out for the marriage of T. B. Mc-

Culioch and Miss Maggie Riddell, to take place the sevententh at the residence of the bride's brother-inlaw, Fred Engle, 607 North Thirteenth street. Operations on the ifne of the Omaha Belt railway use to be immediately commenced, a surveying party

in charge of Chief Engineer Adams being already at B. A. Brown of J. J. Brown & Co., bas returned from a two months' stay at Saratoga, Wyo., where he has been for the benefit of his health.

John Epspeter of Council Bluffs, the well known series maker, is moving his business to Omaha.

Busy Days Ahead for Omaha.

From now on until after the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities, busy days are sighted for Omaha. Right at the outset we are to have the National Letter Carriers' association convention, the Billy" Sunday revival meetings, the Methodist conference for this district, the Tel Jed Sokol of the central west, not to mention several events of lesser moment. 'The Farmers' National congress, the German-American alliance, and Ak-Sar-Ben's carnival, parades and court

ball are also fast approaching dates. What Omaha must do is to realize that it is soon to be full of visiting strangers, and to make the most of its opportunities for impressing them with the wide-awake character of the city. and its assurance of continued growth and betterment. Every loyal citizen of Omaha interested in advancing the high standing and good name of the community should be on the job as an entertainment committee and booster every moment he can devote to the common welfare. Every one in position to take a bird's-eye view of the country agrees that Omaha is one of the brightest spots in the landscape, and we should utilize every advantage we have for our onward march of progress.

Is von Tirpitz to Go?

A report from Berlin indicates that Admiral von Tirpitz is to be retired from his place at the head of the German navy. If this be true it is assuredly a result of the changed attitude of the imperial German government with relation to its naval policy. Von Tirpitz has been listed as a champion of the subsea warfare that has brought Germany and the United States so close to the breaking point. His order established the "war zone" in which the U-boats operated, and as minister and admiral of the navy, he assumed responsibility for their movements.

Recent successes on land have so strengthened the German position as to make possible some modification of its outside policy, and the abandonment of the objectionable features of submarine attack will not seriously interfere with the general purpose of the imperial government. Here is another point on which the Germans have outmaneuvered the Allies. While Great Britain is yet halting over the simple matter of permitting the unobstructed passage of goods actually owned in the United States, and grudgingly giving assent to even that small measure of freedom of the seas, the Germans find themselves able to concede the utmost point contended for by the American government, and to do it in such a way as more than ever fixes the friendly relations between the two countries. In meeting the demands of the president, the kaiser has shown himself as good a diplomat as he is a military tactician.

The attitude of the United States as to the rights of neutrals on the high seas is unchanged, and its position is greatly strengthened by the developments of the last few days.

Only a "Scrap of Paper."

Attorney General Reed now comes forward in his efforts to help the democrats out of their decidedly awkward dilemma, and advises the abrogation of the Gerdes law in order to make possible the diversion of fees to support the department that collects them. It is only a "scrap of paper" between the democrats at Lincoln and the state treasury, even if it is the law of Nebrasks, presented and passed for the very purpose it is now accomplishing. The attorney general also suggests that the food commissioner embezzle the fees he collects, and each month publish an accounting, that the people may know every thirty days just how much the shortage amounts to. Anyone who objects to the peculation may bring suit to enforce the law.

This is certainly fine advice for the chief law officer of the state to give to one of its administrative officers. It is in line with several other opinions the attorney general has delivered himself of since he has taken office. This is in some ways the most seriously menacing of all his vagaries, for, should the matter be brought into court for a test, it will be the duty of the attorney general to defend the law he is now advising the food commissioner to ignore. At the rate he is going, the opinions of the attorney general will soon be worth about a cent a pound.

Treasurer Hall is still relying on the law and the constitution to support him in his resistance to the illegal demands of the other state house democrats, while the people are coming to understand what a mess the Morehead administration is making of the state's affairs.

Georgia's "Honor" Vindicated.

The grand jury of Cobb county, Georgia, is typical of its kind. It failed to return any indictment against any of the guilty or in any way to fix the responsibility for the murder of Leo M. Frank. This may stand as a "vindication" for Georgia's "honor," but it will not satisfy the world. Governor Harris still has his chance to pursue the inquiry, and expose and punish the guilty parties. It is impossible that so daring a crime could be so openly committed and no upholder of the law be cognizant of its perpetrators. Georgia should not rest on the report of the grand jury, if it wishes to escape from the shame put upon it by its own citizens. The rigorous pursuit of the criminals is the only means through which assurance can be given that Georgia sincerely feels the disgrace of the foul crime.

The grand assessment of taxable property in Nebraska this year has cost the taxpayers in round figures \$214,000, without including the outlay of time and money by the different equalization boards, which would probably bring it up in the neighborhood of \$300,000. Looks like a place for efficiency methods and retrenchment.

The Omaha Public library has finally found it convenient to reopen its doors Saturday afternoons and Sundays. The experiment of closing down during the summer will be pronounced a success, but we doubt if it will be copied by any other wide-awake city.

By his own words "Met" is now "simply a newspaper man in the employ of General Carranza." Well, anyway, that's a promotion from the job of chasing rainbows as a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor or

Grammar

THE man who invented grammar is, unfortunately, dead. He probably died a natural death, because at the time the enormity of his offense wasn't ilized. He certainly never got what was coming to him. In those days nobody could understand how

much damage one man can do to posterity.

This is the man that Shakespeare undoubtedly had mind when he wrote, "The evil that men do lives after them.'

Of all the superfluous indritries of the present ne, can any one be said to approach grammar? Consider the countless women and professors who are earning a living by teaching it. Consider the manufacture of text books on grammar. It is really awful contemplate such a vast structure. And then consider how utterly useless grammar is for any purpose whatsoever, and you get, like a flash, a sudden revelation of the marvelous stupidity of the human race:

Nobody ever saw a healthy, normal, naturally bright boy or girl who had any use for grammar. Nature knew its business when it made it impossible for the grammarians to grab a baby before he can speak and teach him grammar first. They would nquestionably, if they could, make him learn all the parts of speech beforehand. If they had this power no properly constituted baby would want to speak, anyway. Ht would argue that if merely telling you want and passing the time of day and all that had to be done by a fixed schedule, like a time-table, or as if it was a government affair, why bother about talking at all?

The grammarian would get the baby and say: "Now, my young friend, you will soon be in a position to use the word 'mamma.' First you must get firmly fixed in your mind that mamma is a You must also ask yourself what is its number? Its gender? What does it presuppore and coordinate? Has it any objective infinitive, and what is its adverbial complement? Is it governed by any participal, prenatal predicate? Also draw a diagram showing the word 'mamma' in its relations to the

antecedent. To the relative pronouns. Fortunately, no grammarian can do this. Province probably intervened. Bables are compelled to learn how to speak before the grammarlans get hold of them, so that these gentlemen cannot utterly spoil them afterward for practical purposes. Hence our best writers have risen above insidious grammar and frankly confess they know little about it and care

There are many devoted people who firmly 'elleve that a political economist represents the lowest form of human intelligence. We respect them for their opinion. There is, indeed, much to be said in favor of their view. But give us the grammarian. For one thing, there are more grammarians than there are political economists, so that, considered by mere volume, the grammarians have the best of it. Then, again, the grammarian is more active and covers a broader field, and everybody seems to have a more sublime confidence in his unintelligence.

One of the most curious paradoxes in human life is that nobody would even take the time or think it worth while to dispute the word of a grammarian; yet grammar is accepted as a matter of course, just as if it had some remote bearing on poetry, drama and other real literature. It unfortunately happens that the teaching of grammar as it is practiced in our schools makes everybody who is not abormal hate it sincerely and cordially. If this were otherwise and and it got to be attractive, like the "movies," for example, think of all the additional harm it could do! At present we have come to accept it and endure it without question and without knowing the reason why. But our better instincts still survive and who knows but that the day will come when by popular edict every grammarian will be compelled to give up his present job and go out and earn an honest living?

Timing the Telephone

-- Literary Digest " LL SERVICE tends nowadays to be metered. The gas and electric meters we know; the water meter some oppose frantically but vainly; the meter in the taxicab drives us mad as it ticks off the miles: and now we are even to talk by meter! Of course, every telephone central office has some deand controlling time calls. The meter now perfected is claimed to be so accurate that it can replace the more costly devices, and so simple and inexpensive that the individual user can avail himself of it and thus "check up" the company.

"Increased efficiency," says a contributor to Telephony, "has come to be pretty much the secret of increased subscribers' lists, increased revenue, and increased cordiale in the business of telephony generally. Nowhere along the line, however, has the cordiale been more often or more sorely strained than through inefficient, inadequate or careless timing of

"Particularly is this true in smaller offices where the elaborate and necessarily expensive apparatus for timing calls has been too costly for installation, and dependence has been placed upon ordinary clocks, which are, of course, as unsatisfactory to the company itself as to the telephone toll user.

"The Graves' phone meter, it is claimed, has com pletely solved the 'small office' timing problem, and in larger offices it is already proving of great value in timing the handling of calls on the 'observation' desits. This device has been tried out by a number of independent and Bell companies and has proved satisfactory for timing toll calls.

"The phone meter registers up to six minutes in one revolution of the dial and it continues until When a connection is made, the operator starts the meter to record, by moving to the right the lever at the top. Moving it in the reverse direction stops the indicator instantly, showing the exact time which has elapsed, in minutes and seconds. The dial is graduated to seconds, and the device, it is said, is marvelously accurate.

"The phone meter is placed upon the keyboard within convenient reach of the operator. If while the conversation is in progress an interruption occurs, the meter may be stopped and then started again when service is resumed. The operator is thus not obliged to make any calculations as to the time consumed. The phone meter may also be used by subscribers to check the time of toll calls."

Twice Told Tales

An Elopement's Anchor. When the conversation turned to the subject of romantic marriages this little anecdote was volun-

teered by H. H. Asker, a North Dakota politician: One afternoon Green was standing on the corner looking at the jitneys when he was suddenly confronted by an acquaintance of other years. Soon they were comparing notes and recalling happy hours. 'So you were married ten years ago," said the

equaintance in response to a statement made by Brown. "Took place in the church, I suppose, with bridesmaids, flowers, cake and the brass band." answered Brown, with a reflective expression, "it was an elopement."

"An elopement, eh?" returned the acquaintance 'Did the girl's father follow you?" "Yes," answered Brown, with something akin to a sigh, "and he has been with us ever since."-Philadelphia Telegraph.

Giving Up Information. Pat was called into court to testify to a talk he

had with the defendant in a civil suit, and everything went along as swimmingly as a flock of buil frogs until the lawyer attempted to bring out the important points of the conversation. "Now, then, Pat," said he encouragingly, "please

tell the court what you and the defendant talked "Yie, sor," answered Pat willingly. "We talked about fifteen minutes.

'No, no, no!" interposed the lawyer. "I mean, what did you and the defendant talk over?" "Yis, sor," was the calm reloinder of Pat. "We talked over the tilephope, sor."-Washington Star.



OMAHA, Sept. 2-To the Editor of The Bee: Last Monday there was a report in the papers of a defense of Dr. Frederick Cook. It struck me that it might be of interest, to some of your readers, at least, if some of the facts were set forth briefly.

It is not necessary to go beyond Dr look's own story for a proof that the story is-well, let us say queer, to say the least. He repeatedly gives his latitude in degrees, minutes and "seconds. But, as he had only a pocket sextant. how was it possible for him to make his calculations in "seconds." Manifestly omething is wrong there.

He says, that he was gone from his base of food supply some eighty-five days (exact number I do not remember). and took with him 1,985 pounds of food. Every one knows, who knows anything of food values, that it takes sixteen ounces of dry food per day merely to sustain life, provided no physical or mental work is undertaken. At that, his entire food supply was exhausted in forty-five days; what did he live on for the next forty odd days, after having been on starvation rations for the first period, and still continue to perform the most strenuous work that a man can do. Again there seems to be something

I quote from the members of the committee of the University of Copenhagen before whom Da. Cook's alleged "proofs" of his alleged pole discovery were pre-

Prof. Stromgren, president of the investigating committee: "Cook has taken disgraceful advantage of a small nation's kindness, using a clever trick in securing the patronage of the American president, Minister Egan and the explorers. Our findings have knocked Cook down."

ommodere Gustave Holm, Danish ex-

Commodore Gustave Holm, Danish explorer and member of the committee: "Cook's claim that he made the observation, 8 degrees, 58 minutes, 46 seconds, near the pole, proved immediately that he was a bad observer, but nothing indicated that he was a swindler."

Prof. Olufson, secretary of the Danish Geographical society: "It is the saddest event of my life. As an explorer, there seems to be no deubt that Cook is absolutely unreliable. I admit that we did not ask for documents. We took Cook's word as a bind." (This refers to the degree conferred upon Cook immediately upon his return from the north. These honors have since been cancelled.)

Prof. Solomonsen, rector of the University of Copenhagen: "We have acted hascusably in bestowing the highest scientific distinction upon Dr. Cook, Personally, I expected a poor show of records, but this exceeds my expectations. As a small consulation, I am pleased at having stopped the undergraductes' intended torchlight parade in Cook's knud Rasmusson, exprorer, formerly

honor."

Knud Rasmusson, exptorer, formerly Cook's warmest supporter: "I was flabbecrasted upon seeing the records. The univer-ity would not call me first because I was one of Dr. Cook's strongest supporters. Later, however, I was invited to the investigation, and when I saw the observations I realized it was a scandal. The papers which Cook sent to Conenhagen university are most impudent. No schoolboy could make such calculations. It is a most childish attempt at chesting."

Commodore Hovgnand, Danish explorer: "I can only regard Cook now as an impostor."

Captain Ronald Amundsen Captain Ronald Amundsen: "There was absolutely nothing in those alleged observations of Dr. Cook, it was all fake and could deceive nobody. Dr. Cook knew all the time that he was not telling the truth."

There is a vast amount of material. similar to the above, bearing upon all of Dr. Cook's work in the exploration THOMAS R. HILL.

Simpler Auto Numbers Needed. OMAHA, Sept. 2.-To the Editor of The Bee: Since so many automobile accidents happen in which the drivers of them get away before the license number of the auto can be ascertained, there should be some method of numbering them that could be read before they get beyond the possibility of reading a number which contains five figures.

This suggestion is offered: To start on, the first license could be A-I ; the second, A-2; the third, A-3, and so continue until not more than two figures are used, then use the second letter of the alphabet the same way, and so on. If this method does not furnish enough for the number of autos perhaps some genius can devise some symbols that can be used when the alphabet is exhausted. C. B. A.

Color Line in Sunday Campaign. OMAHA, Sept. 3.-To the Editor of The Bee: About a year ago, when the propo-Attion of bringing "Billy" Sunday to Omaha was discussed, a number of persons, laymen and ministers included. asked why he should be brought here; "Did we not have a number of good preachers here?" and like questions. The reason at that time may not have been very apparent to these persons, but, in the light of recent events, they will see and admit that Mr. Sunday's coming to Omaha will have a very beneficial effect on some of the preachers, at least. When the organization of the Sunday

campaign took on form some months ago, all the Protestant churches, or as many of them which desired, and, included among these were the colored churches of the city, were asked to participate in the work. Affairs went along swimmingly, in the organization of prayer meeting committees, personal workers, eic. Prof. J. E. Carnal of this city was placed in charge of the organization of the choir. It was desired to procure a chorus of 1,500 voices, so singers of the various church choirs of Omaha, South maha, Dundee, Benson and Council Bluffs, Ia., and others who were not members of choirs were invited to send in their applications for membership in the "Sunday choir." The call was made through the columns of the daily press and no specifications as to race, color or creed were made, the one qualification. presumably, was ability to sing. As fast as the applications were received names were enrolled.

The members of a choir of one of our colored churches sent in their names for enrollment, according to request, and were notified that they would be enrolled as members of the "Sunday chorus." This was three weeks ago. Some of the members of the local executive committee of the Sunday campaign on Monday of this week, in cleang up the final arrangements of the work, discussed the matter of the choir and its personnel. It was suddenly discovered, after a lapse of three weeks' time, that the presence of colored singers in the choir might be a source of trouble-some of the white vocalists might object to the presence of the brothers and staters in black. Mind you, now, this chorus, organized presumably for the work of assisting in the salvation of souls of men and women drifting to destruction, might be hampered in its work by reasons of the presence of possibly a more or more of persons of a different hue from 1,500 other persons. Now, sir, this committee notified the pastor of the colored church in question of its fears and its decision in the matter and asked him to request his choir people

the earth "

work of Mr. Sunday during the last fourteen years and in no sinngle instance have I ever heard of his drawing the lost sculs, color line. On the contrary I have been reliably informed by eye witnesses that be has always recognized and encouraged the co-operation of the colored people in action on their part makes religion a humbug and a farce in the eyes of the world, whom they so loudly profess to be anxious to save. This action of these committee members makes Protestantism

not to appear at the rehearsal scheduled Omaha are lamentably weak because of for Wednesday evening, September 1, a lack of strong, virile, conscientious, This committee did not base its action courageous ministers. There are plenty upon any information which it had re- of "time servers," plenty of men who are ceived concerning any objection by any but an apology for the high calling of of the members of that chots. It based ministers of the gospel. Contrast the its action upon the spirit of caste which action of this committee with that of actuated the hearts and minds of some the Saengerfest society two months ago, of themselves, who have not yet jearned when it held its convention here. At two that God is no respecter of persons, that matines engagements 2,000 school children, of "one blood made He all the nations of among whom was quite a number of colored ci-lidren, sang and no one was Now, Mr. Editor, I have followed the hurt by reason of their presence thera-These men did not Pharisaically proclaim their exalted purpose of redeeming

I do not think that Mr. Sunday will endorse such action of the committee, because his ideas of righteousness are contrary to any such narrow, hypocrihis campaigns. This spirit of intolerance tical ideas of expediency. The ministers and caste is not creditable to Ortaha and of this city owe it to themselves and the great, broad-minded, progressive west. to the Sunday campaign to disavow the It discredits the religion of Jesus Christ, action of these few hyper-sensitive fools whom these ministers and members of who can see good only in a white akin. that committee profess to follow. Such I give you my name, but ask to sign only "CHOIR MEMBER."

CHEERY CHAFF.

committee members makes Protestantigm in Omaha a hissing and a by-word in the mouths of those of opposite faith. And anyone who has a right conception of God knows what He thinks of it. It is a netorious fact in church circles that the many churches of Protestant faith in the many churches of Protestant faith in gone half an hour."—Judge.

The tail, fidgety man hurriedly entered the depot and, addressing a bystander, asked: "Do you think I can catch the flyer for Chicago?

The man addressed casually surveyed the other's long legs and, slowly removing the clear from between his lips, replied: "Well, it looks like you ought to, but you'd better hurry, for it's been gone half an hour."—Judge.



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